

**State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation
RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: October 1, 2003**

Project ID 0092-03-07

Project Title Transit Benefit Sector Analysis

Approved Starting Date (Contract Date): January 6, 2003

Estimated Completion Date: 9 months

Primary Investigator: HLB Decision Economics, Inc.

WisDOT Technical Contact: John Etzler

Administrative Contact: Nina McLawhorn

Description: The impacts (costs/benefits) of transit to specific economic sectors (e.g., education, retail, manufacturing and medical) in Wisconsin remains largely unknown and unquantified. A detailed sector analysis will assess the importance of transit to Wisconsin communities and the state's continued economic growth.

Project Cost: \$100,000

Expenditures for current quarter: \$27,117.76 (does not include September expenses)

Total Expenditures to date: \$ 83,957.20

Percent Complete: 90%

Progress This Quarter: (Includes project committee meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)

- Oversight Committee reviewed and submitted comments on final drafts of reports
- Presentation on study results was made to Oversight Committee by consultant
- Initial results of study were presented during the 2003 MN/WI Transit Conference in Duluth, MN

Work Next Quarter: (Includes project committee meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)

- Receipt of final reports
- Completion of executive summary
- Final presentation to be made – audience yet to be determined
- Printing and distribution of study results

Circumstances Affecting Progress/Budget:

An amendment to the contract with HLB Decisions Economics, Inc. has been requested. The amendment would provide an additional \$6,000 for the completion of the study and extend the length of the contract to March 1, 2004. The additional funds were requested to include a section in the final report on the costs associated with providing public transportation services in Wisconsin. The extension was requested to allow adequate time to schedule a presentation presented by the consultant to appropriate stakeholders. A decision as to when and where the final presentation will be made is being held-off until the final report is received.

Gantt Chart attached: Yes X No